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National Agricultural Congress Opens in Presence of President KIM IL SUNG

PYONGYANG (KCNA)—A National Agricultural Congress opened with a large attendance in the presence of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the revolution, on January 8 in Pyongyang, the capital of revolution.

The Congress arranged and attended in person by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and guided by him will sum up the great victory won on the agricultural front last year under the wise guidance of the great leader and discuss fighting tasks to effect a new great leap forward this year.

Placed with due respect on the platform of the meeting hall was a portrait of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the genius of revolution, sun of the nation and legendary hero, who put forward a great program of socialist rural construction for the first time in history and wisely leads the whole Party and the entire people for its realization.

The Congress is attended by workteam heads of co-operative farms who performed shining feats of labour in the agricultural production last year, secretaries of *ri* primary Party committees, chairmen of the management boards of co-operative farms, members of the small groups for the three revolutions dispatched to the countryside, functionaries of state agricultural enterprises and state industrial enterprises serving agriculture, functionaries of the provincial, city and county Party and administrative bodies and functionaries of agricultural guidance organs, workers in the domain of agricultural science and education and responsible functionaries of the central organs, more than 25,000 in all.

At 9:30 a.m., **Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, appeared on the platform.**

That moment the stormy cheers of "Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" shook the meeting hall and the meeting hall was swept by the feelings of infinite reverence and ardent loyalty to the great leader.

Amid surging emotion pervading the meeting hall, women labour innovators presented a basket of flowers to the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung representing the warm gratitude and adoration and ardent loyalty of the attendants of the Congress and the entire agricultural working people and the unanimous wishes of our people that the leader may enjoy good health and a long life to lead the revolution to final victory.

The platform was taken by Comrade Kim Il, vice-President Kang Ryang Uk, Comrades Choe Hyon, Kim Dong Gyu, O Jin U, Pak Sung Chul, Li Gun Mo, Kim Yong Ju, Yang Hyong Sop, Kim Jung Rin, Yon Hyong Muk, Li Yong Mu, Ryu Jang Sik, Kim Yon Nam, Hyon Mu Gwang, Choe Jae U, Chong Jun Gi, Han Ik Su, Pak Su Dong, Kang Song San, Chon Mun Sop, Chong Gyong Hui, Ho Dam, Nam Il, Hong Won Gil, Hong Song Nam, O Tae Bong, Yun Gi Bok, O Baek Ryong and Rim Chun Chu and other responsible personages and labour innovators.

Comrade Yon Hyong Muk delivered an opening address.

The national anthem was played.

At the Congress So Gwan Hi, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee, delivered a report entitled "On the Great Victory Won on the Agricultural Front Last Year under the Wise Leadership of the Great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and Fighting Tasks for This Year." (See page 2)

The platform of the National Agricultural Congress (KCNA Radiophoto)

The report proudly summed up the great victory gained in capturing the height of grain envisaged in the Six-Year Plan two years ahead of schedule by producing more than 7 million tons of grain, through the vigorous acceleration of the three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural, in the countryside upholding the militant tasks put forward by the great leader in the theses on the rural question and in his programmatic speech at the National Agricultural Congress last year, and set forth militant tasks for capturing the height of 8 million tons of grain and effecting a new revolutionary turn in all branches of agricultural production this year.

The Congress noted that the amazing bumper harvest reaped last year in our country despite the unprecedentedly unfavourable weather conditions was a great victory of the *Juche*-based farming method created by the fatherly leader and a shining fruition of the devoted struggle of our agricultural working people infinitely loyal to the leader. It stressed that, first of all, the *Juche*-based farming method should be thoroughly applied at all posts of the agricultural front to effect a great upsurge and make a great leap forward in the agricultural production this year again.

In particular, the Congress laid stress on thoroughly ensuring a proper number of plants per *pyong* (one *pyong* is 6 feet square) in maize farming, actively improving cold and wet fields and introducing in an allround way humus pot maize seedlings and cold-frame rice seedlings in the maize and rice farming by producing large quantities of humus soil through an extensive mass movement, while strictly adhering to the principle of right crop in right area and right crop in right season in accordance with the requirements of the leader's *Juche*-based farming method.

It was also noted at the Congress that precedence should be given to the ideological revolution to thoroughly arm the agricultural working people with the *Juche* idea, the great revolutionary idea of the leader, establish among them the revolutionary trait of implementing the teachings of the leader and Party policies unconditionally and thoroughly, root individualism and selfishness out of their minds and give full play to the communist way of life—devotedly striving only for the interests of the country, people and collective—and that the flames of the movement of the small groups for the three revolutions should be further raised under the red banner of the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions.

The attendants were firmly resolved to carry out with credit the tasks of the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions set forth in the theses on the rural question, attending the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung for ever, holding him in high esteem, and making an allout march in the high spirit of the "speed battle" along the one road of loyalty along which the Party centre leads, and, especially, to fly the flag of victory on the height of 8 million tons of grain this year and make a new breakthrough on the road of the grandiose advance for capturing the height of 10 million tons of grain by energetically pushing ahead with the industrialization and modernization of agriculture, set forth in the New Year address of the leader.

The National Agricultural Congress entered its second day on Jan. 9 amid deep interest of the entire Korean people.

The floor was taken by Kang Myong Ok, Chairman of the Management Board of the Migok Co-operative Farm in Sariwon, North Hwanghae Province, and many others.

At the proposal of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Congress highly praised the entire members of the Ocso Co-operative Farm in Kaechon county, South Pyongan Province, and the Chunjin Co-operative Farm in Ryongchon county, North Pyongan Province, and the members of the 6th Workteam of the Pongryon Co-operative Farm in Konan county, Kangwon Province who had achieved distinguished successes in carrying out the three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural, and in agricultural production last year by displaying boundless devotion and creative enthusiasm with infinite loyalty to the Party and extended thanks to them in the name of the entire attendants of the Congress.

The Congress pointed out that, this year, a significant year in which the 30th anniversary of the founding of our glorious Party will be celebrated, the rural economy is confronted with the militant tasks to make an epochal progress in the construction of the socialist countryside and register new, greater achievements in all fields of agricultural production, including the harvest of 8 million tons of grain, and thus make the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Party a grand festival of victory, upholding the teachings of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung at the Eighth Plenary Meeting of the Fifth Central Committee of the Party and the Fourth Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly and his New Year address this year.

Discussing concrete fighting measures for successfully fulfilling the militant tasks facing the rural economy this year, the Congress emphasized that the important question here is to continue to vigorously push ahead with the technical and cultural revolutions while giving definite precedence to the ideological revolution in the countryside along the line of the three revolutions indicated by the leader with his originality.

The Congress laid particular emphasis on the necessity of conducting more actively and in a go-ahead way the movement of the small groups for the three revolutions initiated and guided in person by the great leader, sweeping away all the "evils" obstructing our onward movement and thoroughly fulfilling the teachings of the leader and the Party's policy unconditionally to the end.

Main topics at the Congress were the questions of fulfilling at an early date the tasks of rural technical revolution set forth in the theses on the rural question by accelerating more energetically the mechanization and chemicalization of agriculture and of markedly raising the level of intensive farming in agricultural production by thoroughly establishing a scientific manuring system and actively introducing various advanced farming methods.

The Congress particularly stressed the question of placing farming on a scientific and technical basis.

The Congress also paid deep attention to the powerful acceleration of the rural cultural revolution.

The Congress continues.

C.C., Revolutionary Party for Reunification Sends New Year's Greetings to President KIM IL SUNG

PYONGYANG, Jan. 3 (KCNA)—On the occasion of the New Year 1975, the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification reverentially sent a message of greetings to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the genius of revolution, sun of the nation and legendary hero. The message of greetings reads:

We masses of the people in the south who have vigorously marched forward along the road of independence and creation under the radiant rays of *Juche* are ushering in 1975, a New Year of struggle and victory, with infinite pride and joy.

On this morning of the New Year, the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification reverentially extends New Year's greetings to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great master of thought and theory, the genius of revolution and the teacher and sun of our nation and the progressive people of the world, reflecting the ardent desires and wishes of the workers, peasants and other masses of the people to attend and follow the leader at all times.

At this moment, we, looking back on the turbulent events of the outgoing year and greeting the New Year of greater hope, see the great leader in our mind's eyes looking up to the northern sky, our hearts filled with the deepest reverence and the most sublime feelings for the leader.

The peerless patriot Comrade Kim Il Sung who embarked upon the road of revolution in his young teen-age to liberate the country and the popular masses suffering from subjugation and oppression, poverty and humiliation, organised and waged the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle and established in this great course the glorious revolutionary traditions, the deep and firm roots of the revolution, and created the heritage of *Juche* which should be carried forward generation after generation.

In the flames of the anti-Japanese revolution the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung discovered the great truth that man is most precious in the world and man is most powerful in the world and, on its basis, founded a great guiding principle of the world widely known as *Juche* philosophy.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the legendary hero and iron-willed brilliant commander, with his outstanding *Juche*-based tactics and great glistening sword, defeated Japanese militarism and U.S. imperialism, the two devils of the 20th century, and led the war for the restoration of the fatherland and the war for the liberation of the fatherland to great world historic victory in one generation.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation and genius of revolution, gave the vital power of resurrection to the masses of the people who had been groaning in ignorance and benightedness, poverty and despair, did away with the century-old backwardness and war damages and built a powerful socialist industrial state, the world's best paradise of the popular masses, in the northern half of our country.

Nineteen seventy-four, a historic year which will be recorded in golden letters to be handed down forever in human history for the magnificent edifices built by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung in the revolution and construction!

The amazing development made in the north in this grandiose period is one more evidence of the scientific nature, truth, validity and vitality of the *Juche* idea and the sagacity of the great leader's guidance.

The announcement of the complete abolition of taxes and the drastic reduction of commodity prices from Pyongyang in the East at a time when the capitalists were crying over the decrease of profits and the toiling masses suffering from hunger and cold owing to the oil fluctuation and price zooming that swept the capitalist world was a thunderous gun report of *Juche* that shook the world and struck mankind with admiration.

A serious crop failure and famine are sweeping the continents, starving hundreds of thousands of people to death, and many countries of the world are busy with food diplomacy. But only the north reaped an unprecedented bumper harvest thanks to the Kimilsungist theses on the socialist rural question, demonstrating the vitality of scientific *Juche*-based farming method to the whole world.

A forest of heavy and light industry factories and giant power stations which are springing up amid the hoof clattering of Chollima flying high in the azure sky raising the storm of the speed battle to the loud drum beating of revolution under the magnificent plan of the grand socialist construction unrolled by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung fully demonstrated the great might of *Juche*-guided socialism.

Today the idea, theory and method of *Juche* founded by the great leader are striking roots, spreading branches and bearing fruit on a world-wide scale going beyond the bounds of time and space and the *Juche*-based socialist system built and guided by the great leader has become not only a model of socialism but also a model of the third world, a symbol of hope.

Following the current thought of *Juche* reigning supreme over the century, the banners of independence are powerfully fluttering in every nook and corner of the five continents.

Indeed, thousands of years long human history does not know such a great leader of the revolution, tested leader of the class and tender-hearted father of the masses, who is possessed of brilliant wisdom, extraordinary insight, outstanding thought and theory, revolutionary practical ability and infinitely noble virtues, brought the development of the revolution on such a high plane in so short a period of time and made such a great contribution to the development of human history.

As they are guided by this great leader, the first leader in thousands of years long history of the nation, the fellow countrymen in the north who had felt small generation after generation are enjoying the most precious life in the ranks of the world powers, straightening up their backs and throwing out their chests. It is quite natural that the people, young and old, men and women, shout *manse* at the top of their voices at the Kim Il Sung Square of reverence and the Mansudae Assembly Hall of passion, standing on the tips of the toes, looking up to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

There are many so-called ideas and many roads misleading people in the world. But only the rays of the sun of *Juche* are illuminating the most straight path to realise the ideal of mankind. It is not accidental, therefore, that political figures of the third world and the rest of the world and hundreds of millions of people of the world with different languages and colors vied with each other in forming "study groups of Kimilsungism" and a great number of people visit Pyongyang, the heart of the times, crossing the oceans and continents, to meet the leader and receive lectures on the *Juche* idea and see looks of socialism guided by *Juche*. Today the number of Kimilsungists who declare the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the fatherland of *Juche*, as their second homeland and pledge themselves to live as active propagators of the *Juche* idea and passionate advocates of Kimilsungism is daily increasing throughout the world.

As there is Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great sun, whom the nation holds in high esteem and mankind looks up to with reverence and as there are the *Juche* idea and ever-victorious revolutionary strategy founded by the leader, the masses of the people in this barren land under the reign of fascism have the desire to live, harden the fighting spirit, are filled with hope and optimism and keep advancing victoriously the south Korean revolution and the struggle for the reunification of the country without the slightest deviation.

In this dark, terror-ridden land where people who criticize the "revitalised" dictatorship or merely utter the word "petition for constitutional amendment" are condemned to capital punishment or heavy penalty at the military tribunal without interrogation, testimony or pleading, the only road to be taken by us masses of the people totally deprived of the political rights and the right to existence was a road of revolution, road of struggle following the banner of Kimilsungism.

The more harshly the enemy suppressed us at the point of bayonets, the greater efforts we exerted to expand the ranks of active advocates and supporters of Kimilsungism among the broad masses, arming the revolutionary ranks with Kimilsungism in every way.

Even under the rigorous circumstances in which the fascist clique issued murderous "emergency measures" one after another and declared a great war of terrorism against the bare-handed patriotic masses of people, the flames of the struggle for democracy rose more fiercely and in the flames of the uninterrupted mass struggle the ranks of staunchest Kimilsungists, the nuclear forces of revolution, further grew in strength and the unity of the anti-fascist democratic forces at home and abroad was accelerated still more.

Today the Revolutionary Party for Reunification has reached a new, higher plane in its development and the struggle against fascism and for democracy is being participated in by broad masses of people of different classes and strata as never before and the struggle shows a higher level than that of the past struggles in protractedness and tactics. All this is proof of the inexhaustible attraction of the *Juche* idea and a success gained in the course of arming the revolutionary ranks with Kimilsungism.

We are deeply aware that the rugged path yet to be covered is longer than the tortuous road we have already negotiated.

If we leave itself as it is this corrupt and ailing society where "the rich getting richer and the poor poorer," where a handful of the privileged and exploiters enjoy prosperity and glory whereas the toiling masses, the overwhelming majority of the population, are suffering from arduous toil, oppression, hunger and cold, and if we fail to put an end to the tragedy of the divided country, how can we proudly call ourselves the vanguard of the revolution following the banner of Kimilsungism?

As long as the banner of ever-victorious Kimilsungism guides us and as long as our hearts are filled with the firm conviction of the sure victory of Kimilsungism, the south Korean revolution will keep only victorious advance.

In the New Year we will further expand and strengthen the ranks of the Party and its mass basis and certainly make an epochal advance in the struggle against fascism and for democracy in accordance with the strategy and tactics of the revolution laid down by the leader.

We want to sing "Song of General Kim Il Sung" and shout "Long live General Kim Il Sung!" which we can do so at present only at the risk of being imprisoned and standing on the scaffold, from the top of Namsan hill to Moransbong hill, by bringing earlier the day of glory when we will look up to the leader on the high rostrum of the reunification festival amid the resounding gun-salute declaring the victory of the revolution.

It is because the day is drawing near that on this morning, too, the hot-blooded members of our Party make a pledge of loyalty on the front of the arduous underground struggle, raising the torch of the resistance for democracy, and the faces of patriotic fighters looking up to the northern sky, grasping the hoar-frosted iron bars with their chained hands are beaming with smiles of faith. And the faces of workers coming out of shabby hovels this morning, too, to get food, opening the straw mat fluttering in the cold wind, and wives and mothers of this land who waged an all-night sit-in in demand of the release of their arrested husbands and sons, are registering a zeal and fighting spirit.

The Central Committee of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification reverentially wishes good health and a long life to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation, legendary hero, genius of revolution and construction and great star of mankind, for the reunification and independence of the country and the prosperity of the generations to come and for the victorious advance of the world revolution and the happiness of mankind, expressing the iron will and faith of our Party members and revolutionaries, workers, peasants and other masses of the people and their unbounded desire to attend and follow the great leader forever.

Seoul, January 1, 1975

"On Great Victory Won on Agricultural Front Last Year under Wise Leadership Of Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG and Fighting Tasks for This Year"

—*Report of Chairman So Gwan Hi of Agricultural Committee*— (Summary)

PYONGYANG, Jan. 9 (KCNA)—So Gwan Hi, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee, made a report entitled "On the great victory won on the agricultural front last year under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and fighting tasks for this year" at the first day sitting of the National Agricultural Congress.

This glorious congress which is being held in the presence of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung will consolidate the shining victory gained last year in the socialist rural construction and agricultural production and occasion an epochal leap in bringing our agriculture onto a new, higher plane in the future, declared the reporter.

Summing Up

In the first part of the report "Summing up of the great victory," the reporter quoted the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung as teaching:

"In 1974 world-startling tremendous successes were made in agriculture, too.

"Last year the agricultural working people made vigorous endeavours to implement 'Theses on the Socialist Rural Question in Our Country' and produced more than seven million tons of grain even under so unfavourable weather conditions, thus capturing the height of grain envisaged in the Six-Year Plan two years ahead of the set time."

The reporter continued:

Last year our people hoisted the banner of victory on the eminent grain height of the Six-Year Plan two years ahead of schedule and thus made the tenth anniversary of the publication of the theses on the rural question truly significant and adorned 1974 more brilliantly as a year of great victory, a year of amazing bumper harvest.

Last year the per *chongbo* (one *chongbo* approximates one hectare) yield of rice, the leading grain in our country, reached an average of 5.9 tons, taking the country as a whole.

Ten tons of rice per *chongbo* was ordinary in our country. It produced 15 tons, 20 tons and 23.8 tons to the maximum, performing a miracle defying the common knowledge and imagination of the world people in the maximum per *chongbo* yield of rice.

Last year per *chongbo* yield of maize reached 5 tons throughout the country.

In separate plots the maximum of 25 tons was produced. This is, indeed, a high record baffling imagination.

Thousands of years have passed since mankind started cultivating maize. But never has there been in this long history an instance in which the per *chongbo* yield of maize grew two times, three times in a year as in our country. This is one more miraculous success which was registered only in the socialist countryside of our country where the *Juche*-based farming method created by the leader has firmly struck its roots and a proud victory which opened a new, high stage in the biological revolution.

The reporter stressed: today the agriculture of our country firmly takes the lead in the world in the rate of growth of grain production.

In our country last year witnessed a signal upsurge not only in grain production but also in all other branches of agricultural production, such as the cultivation of vegetables and industrial crops, stockbreeding, fruit growing and silkworm raising, the reporter said. He also pointed out that many co-operative farms effected a big innovation—doubling or trebling the per *chongbo* harvest of cabbage, radish and other vegetables as against the previous year—by making production highly intensive, that flax harvest was also rich and its total output increased by 26 per cent compared with 1973 and that in stockbreeding meat output grew by 51 per cent and eggs 11 per cent last year as against 1973.

The reporter quoted the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung as teaching:

"We can confidently say that we have now entered an era of complete industrialization and modernization of agriculture."

The reporter said that a big success has been made in the comprehensive mechanization and chemicalization of agriculture, put forward as the most important task in the rural technical revolution by the leader at the National Agricultural Congress last year.

In our country last year the task to raise the number of tractors serving agriculture to 70,000-80,000, a task set forth in the theses on the rural question, had been successfully carried out by July. 27, the "Day of assistance to the rural technical revolution," and the number of tractors per 100 *chongbo* of arable land has reached the high level of 4 in plain areas and 3 in in-between and mountainous areas, the reporter noted.

He said that the number of trucks serving the rural economy has already exceeded an average of 4 for every co-operative farm.

One of the biggest successes we made last year in the industrialisation and modernisation of agriculture was that rice seedlings were transplanted by machines roughly in the half of the total area of paddy fields, the reporter said, and continued: on many co-operative farms the basic work processes of farming have been comprehensively mechanised, with the result that the area tended by each co-operative farm member has markedly grown.

Pointing out that a signal success has been registered in the chemicalisation of agriculture, too, the reporter said:

Last year the amount of chemical fertilizers applied swelled considerably and this year the task put forward in the theses on the rural question to raise the amount to over one ton per *chongbo* of arable land will be successfully carried out.

Noting that big successes were gained in further consolidating and expanding the achievements in irrigation and electrification, the reporter said:

Today our country has been turned into a most advanced country in irrigation by world standard, which has numerous reservoirs, big and small, pumping stations and developed irrigation and drainage systems with a dense network of water channels with a total length of over 40,000 kilometres.

In our country where electrification has long been realized in the countryside, electricity is widely used for the purpose of agricultural production.

The reporter pointed out: last year the *Juche*-based farming method created in person by the leader was more thoroughly applied than ever before to place our agricultural production firmly on a high scientific-technological basis.

In particular, an epochal advance was made in carrying out the "green revolution."

Noting that last year the living standards of the farmers rose substantially and the living conditions of the rural population were greatly improved, the reporter said:

Last year the average income distribution per household of co-operative farmers throughout the country grew again to 141.3 per cent in grain alone compared with 1973.

In the past one year modern dwelling houses for over 100,000 families were built in our countryside at state expense.

The work for introducing bus and water services in the countryside and for covering it with the T.V. network was successfully pushed ahead.

The reporter continued:

At a time when the world was visited by a crop failure and many countries were undergoing a food crisis, a rich crop was reaped in our country. This rich and brilliant fruition constitutes one more bomb to the imperialists and reactionaries of all brands who are vilifying socialist agriculture in a vicious way.

The reporter said: we reaped an unprecedentedly bumper harvest under such very unfavourable weather conditions like last year's. We owe this entirely to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung who grasped the whole work in our rural economy and gave tireless, energetic guidance to it, personally standing in the van. He referred to the outstanding and tested guidance of the leader.

He went on:

After he brought about a great revolutionary upsurge, guiding the rural economy as a whole, in 1973, the leader exerted all his efforts to bring about an epochal development of agriculture last year again, standing in the van of the agricultural front.

The leader, taking hold of the whole work of the rural economy, guided our work with a warm affection for one whole year and gave earnest teachings on over 200 occasions, energetically leading the entire people and agricultural working people to new victory.

Last year, too, the fatherly leader who had recorded a new history of creation and leap, leaving great footprints of on-the-spot guidance in every nook and corner of the country every year sowed fire-seed of struggle in the hearts of our peasants and firmly inspired them with new courage, fighting spirit and unshakable faith, covering thousands of *ri*, tens of thousands of *ri*.

While leading the struggle to push ahead with the socialist rural construction and develop agricultural production, the leader always attached decisive importance to enhancing the ideological consciousness of the peasants and gave definite precedence to the ideological revolution in all work and saw to it that the technical and cultural revolutions were powerfully pushed ahead in parallel with it.

In order to further develop in depth the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions in the countryside, the leader personally initiated the movement of small groups for the three revolutions, organized small groups for the three revolutions with Party nuclei and young intellectuals armed with the *Juche* idea and dispatched them to the countryside.

The movement of small groups for the three revolutions initiated and guided by the leader is a revolutionary movement reflecting in a most correct way the revolutionary desire of our people to make uninterrupted advance and continued innovations through a powerful struggle against all the old things and a lawful demand of socialist and communist construction.

The ideological revolution has been powerfully pushed ahead in the countryside under the banner of the three revolutions raised by the leader, with the result that radical changes have taken place in the ideological and spiritual features of our peasants and the Party's agricultural policy has been implemented more thoroughly in all fields.

Today our peasants have armed themselves firmly with the *Juche* idea, the revolutionary idea of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, and their hearts are run through only with the hot blood of *Juche* type.

All these deep-going changes that have taken place in the ideological and spiritual features of the agricultural working people and functionaries are a brilliant fruition of the unique policy of the leader on the ideological revolution and the wise guidance of the Party centre for its implementation. Herein lay one of the decisive factors for our great victory on the agricultural front last year.

The reporter pointed out that the leader successfully guided the technical revolution in the countryside.

The leader made sure that more tractors were sent to the countryside by directing efforts to the development of the engineering industry, the reporter said.

Referring to the fact that rice transplantation was mechanized in the countryside last year, the reporter emphasized: rice-transplanting machines supplied to our countryside were not invented by any scientist or technician but manufactured entirely thanks to the infinitely warm love of the fatherly leader who is concerned to free our peasants from toilsome work.

The reporter spoke about the constant considerations directed by the leader last year to step up the chemicalization of agriculture and establish a scientific manuring system and about the great vitality of the irrigation system set up by the leader, which was displayed in last year's farming.

An unprecedentedly bumper harvest in our agriculture last year following 1973 shows the might of the *Juche*-based farming method created by the leader and is its proud fruition, the reporter emphasized, and went on:

The leader, busy as he was with state affairs, personally visited many rural villages throughout the country, had talk with peasants, had repeated consultations with scientists and constantly worked to establish a *Juche*-based farming method. The unique *Juche*-based farming method has been created and established through the energetic guidance of the leader.

The *Juche*-based farming method created by the great leader is the most scientific farming method that creatively applied the successes of modern science, gained in Korean style on Korean soil and roughly on the basis of the immortal *Juche* idea, to agricultural production.

The leader put forward the well-known principle of right crop in right area and right crop in right season which requires farming on a scientific basis in conformity with the soil and climatic conditions of our country and firmly established the most scientific and unique *Juche*-based farming method suited to our reality.

Thousands of, tens of thousands of years have passed since mankind started tilling land and sowing seeds. But never has there been in any era, in any country and in the history of any nation an instance in which a person built an experimental plot in the garden of his house, personally created a farming method and solved by himself all problems, big and small, in farming as our leader did. It is only our leader who devotes his whole life to the realization of the sacred cause for the freedom and happiness of the people and is so deeply concerned for the solution of the rural question.

In establishing the *Juche*-based farming method, the great leader always paid deep attention to improving and protecting land, the principal means of production in agriculture, and establishing a system of scientific management of land to turn all paddy and non-paddy fields into a fertile land of high productivity.

The leader attached great importance to the problem of strengthening biological study to carry out the "green revolution" and has energetically guided this work, the reporter stressed, and said:

Under the wise guidance and profound care of the fatherly leader many high yielding varieties of rice and hybrid maizes were obtained in our country and the "green revolution" was carried on an extensive scale in all fields.

This is another great event which brought our country's agriculture onto a new, high stage.

Noting that the fatherly leader showed deep solicitude last year, too, to powerfully carry on the cultural revolution in the countryside, the reporter said:

The work of disseminating agro-techniques was conducted briskly in the countryside and the level of general knowledge and technical knowledge of peasants raised one stage higher as a whole to make them do farming on a scientific and technical basis.

Last year, too, the leader wisely guided the whole Party and the whole country to thoroughly implement the revolutionary policy of the Party on concentrating efforts on the development of the rural economy, the reporter said.

He said that the leader increased state investments in the engineering and chemical industries and other industrial domains serving the rural economy and in agriculture and, at the same time, saw to it that whole society and whole state assistance was given more powerfully to the countryside to ensure all farming work including rice transplantation and weeding qualitatively in proper season.

Noting that the new system of agricultural guidance established by the leader with his originality yielded a great fruit in carrying out the vast tasks of the rural economy last year, the reporter stressed: our new system of agricultural guidance with the county cooperative farm management committee as its basis is further strengthening technical guidance to the agricultural production in conformity with the conditions of today when agriculture is being rapidly industrialized and modernized and is more effectively realising the material and technical assistance and support of the state.

The reporter said: today, unlike the socialist countryside of our country which is daily developing and thriving under the radiant rays of the theses on the rural question, the agriculture of many countries of the world including capitalist countries is falling into continued stagnation. In particular, these countries, visited by a severe crop failure last year, are crying over an acute food crisis.

The two different realities in our country and the capitalist world clearly prove how superior the socialist rural economic system of our country established by the leader is and what an inexhaustible might it has.

Foreign friends who visited our country expressed infinite respect and adoration for the leader, saying in unison that the success in farming and socialist rural construction only in Korea when a crop failure is sweeping the whole world is entirely thanks to the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the genius of revolution, legendary hero and great father of the people produced by mankind, and to his wise guidance of the Korean people.

The reporter extended the highest honour and thanks carrying the sentiments of infinite loyalty of the entire attendants of the congress and the agricultural working people of the whole country to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people and the tender-hearted father, who has been devoting his all to the freedom and independence of the country and the happiness of the people for half a century to this day since he took the road of revolution in his early years, is wisely leading our people along the road of socialism and communism with the radiant rays of the immortal *Juche* idea, established the most advanced system of the socialist rural economy in our country and brought the infinite happiness and joy of today to our peasants, and reverently wished the leader good health and a long life.

Fighting Tasks

In the second part of the report the reporter referred to "Fighting tasks to effect a new, greater leap forward in the agricultural production."

The reporter noted that the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung set forth the militant tasks to capture the height of 10 million tons of grain and the height of reclamation of 100,000 *chongbo* of tideland in the field of the rural economy at the Eighth Plenary Meeting of the Fifth Central Committee of the Party.

The reporter said: how to organize and carry on this year's battle is of weighty importance in guaranteeing victory in the struggle to capture the height of 10 million tons of grain.

The reporter quoted the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung as teaching in his New Year address for this year:

"On the agricultural front, we should continuously wage a vigorous struggle without slackening in the least the vim and vigor with which we captured the grain height of the Six-Year Plan, to scale the grain height of 8 million tons this year."

The reporter said that we should make a new decisive advance in the struggle to increase food reserves of the country and capture the height of 10 million tons of grain by producing without fail 8 million tons of grain this year, a historic year which marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of the glorious Workers' Party of Korea.

He said:

Recently the great leader gave again earnest teachings on thoroughly introducing and applying the *Juche*-based scientific farming method, saying that the most important question in increasing grain output is to completely overcome unfavourable natural and climatic conditions.

The leader gave a clear-cut analysis of the big change in meteorological and climatic conditions on a world-wide scale in recent years—winter becomes longer, spring comes later, autumn comes abruptly, frost falls earlier and drought and flood damages are frequent—and of its affection on agriculture and pointed to scientific ways to overcome it.

The leader taught scientific farming methods one by one to examine all the varieties of crops suited to the changing meteorological and climatic conditions and thoroughly prevent natural damages.

The reporter emphasized that we should thoroughly apply the *Juche*-based farming method created by the leader, fully tap all the reserves and thus surpass without fail the goal to produce 8 million tons of grain this year.

The reporter stated: in order to successfully realize the historic cause of dyeing the whole society in one color, the revolutionary idea of the leader, and make uninterrupted advance in the building of a socialist countryside and agricultural production, it is imperative today to push ahead with the three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural, more dynamically.

Referring to the tasks of the ideological revolution, the reporter said: we must further develop in depth the work for establishing the monolithic ideological system of the Party in accordance with the requirements of the historic cause of dyeing the whole society in one color, the revolutionary idea of the great leader.

Pointing to the tasks of the rural technical revolution, the reporter said:

All farm work should be done by machines and chemicals by completing as early as possible with concentrated efforts the comprehensive mechanization and chemicalization of agriculture, which have not yet been carried out in the tasks of the technical revolution set forth in the theses on the rural question.

By vigorously pushing ahead, first of all, the comprehensive mechanization in the fulfilment of the rural technical revolution, we should complete it in an all-round way before 1980, he said, and went on:

In the countryside the number of tractors will reach 6 to 7 per 100 *chongbo* of arable land within the coming 1 to 2 years, 10 to 12 in 1980 and the number of trucks be over one per 100 *chongbo* of arable land within the coming few years.

Saying that one of the most important problems in increasing agricultural production this year is to introduce and apply the *Juche*-based farming method more thoroughly, he stressed:

The *Juche*-based farming method created by the great leader is the most scientific and advanced method of farming which opened a new, high stage of development in making agricultural production intensive and the firm guiding compass of farm work guaranteeing a systematic growth of production and leaping upsurge under any unfavourable natural conditions.

The reporter referred in detail to the tasks of the cultural revolution in the countryside.

He said that the county co-operative farm management committees and other agricultural guidance organs should strengthen the industrial guidance in conformity with the new system of agricultural guidance and raise the level of management.

In conclusion the reporter emphasized:

As long as there are the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the firm material and technical foundations and the political and ideological basis laid in the course of the struggle for implementing the theses on the rural question and the most scientific *Juche*-based farming method, there can be no insurmountable difficulty or unconquerable fortress for us.

All our agricultural working people and agricultural guiding personnel should make an all-out charge toward the glorious fighting goal with the firm faith that the road pointed to by the great leader is a road of victory and glory and nothing is impossible on the road they follow under the guidance of the leader.

(Subtitles are ours.... Ed.)

Central Meeting of Chongryun Workers And Enthusiasts Held Here to Carry Out Work in 1975

A central meeting of Chongryun workers and enthusiasts was held at the Korean Cultural Center in Tokyo on Jan. 10 to carry out better the work assigned to it in 1975, holding aloft the New Year's teachings of President Kim Il Sung.

The meeting came in a grand atmosphere in which all the compatriots are determined to effect fresh innovations in all their patriotic activities, armed with the *Juche* idea in accordance with the President's New Year teachings.

Placed with due respect on the platform of the meeting hall was a portrait of the fatherly leader President Kim Il Sung.

Seen in the meeting hall were streamers reading: "Long Live Immortal *Juche* Idea—Great Kimilsungism!" "Let's Meet 20th Anniversary of Formation of Chongryun with Higher Patriotic Enthusiasm and Shining Successes in Work!"

Chongryun CSC Chairman Han Duk Su attended the meeting, together with vice-Chairmen, Li Jin Gyu, Li Gye Back, Jong Jae Pil, Hong Bong Su and Pak Jae Ro and other leading Chongryun cadres and with over 3,000 people.

The Chairman made a speech.

In his speech, the Chairman, first of all, reviewed last year's achievements registered in Chongryun's work, stressing that the greatest of them is a successful indoctrination of the resident compatriots with the *Juche* idea and their rallying around the great leader President Kim Il Sung.

Referring to the defence of the democratic and national rights of the Korean residents, he detailed the success achieved in its work to defend the Chongryun organization from subversive plots of enemies within and without including the "Aug. 15 assassination attempt on Pak Jung Hi," their political intrigue.

He noted that Chongryun fully supported to the democratic struggle of the south Korean people and brought about a great advance for national reunification, by waging a "patriotic movement to expedite the independent and peaceful reunification of the fatherland (Jun. 1-Sep.30).

Stressing that international solidarity was deepened by Chongryun with the world people including the Japanese, he specified the tasks to be tackled with by Chongryun workers and compatriots this year.

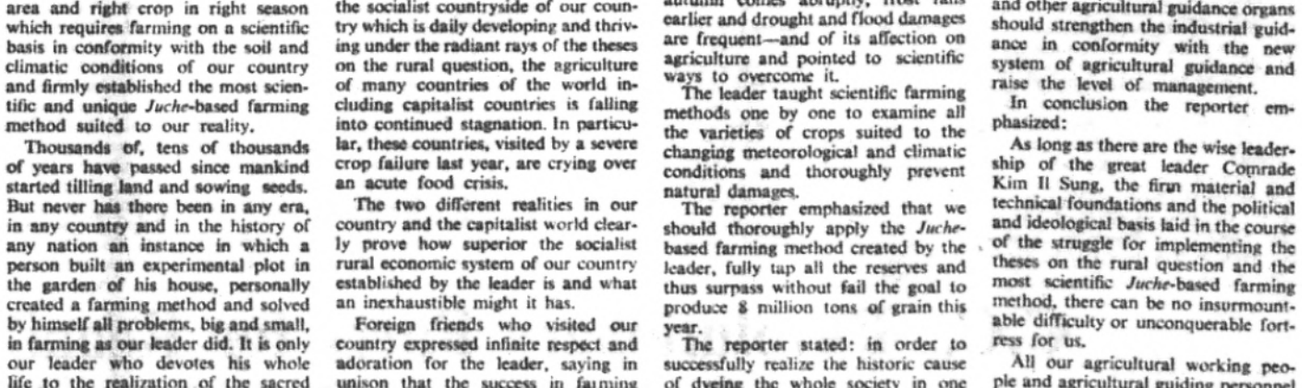
He quoted President Kim Il Sung as saying:

"All the Chongryun functionaries and compatriots in Japan should meet the 20th anniversary of the formation of Chongryun with higher patriotic enthusiasm and shining successes in their work.

Today Chongryun and the compatriots in Japan are confronted with the honorable tasks to bring all their patriotic work to new, higher stage in pace with the struggle of grand socialist construction of the people in the homeland.

The decisive link in further developing in depth the movement of Koreans in Japan is to dye Chongryun in one color, the Juche idea, the monolithic idea of our Party."

To dye Chongryun in one color, the *Juche* idea, the Chairmani said, is to see that Chongryun should make all the workers and compatriots *Juche*-type blooded faithful overseas citizens of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and that it should wage all the patriotic activities on the basis of the *Juche*-oriented policies and principles put forth by President Kim Il Sung.



A view of a central meeting of Chongryun workers and enthusiasts held in Tokyo, on Jan. 10, where over 3,000 participants were determined to carry out creditably the work of this year

The Chairman continued: It is very important to carry out creditably the patriotic work to defend national and democratic rights and to accelerate the independent and peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

Chongryun and compatriots in Japan should struggle to defend the democratic and national rights and for the prosperity of the socialist fatherland, the DPRK, and for the reunification of the fatherland; they should make tireless efforts to foster international solidarity with the Japanese people and revolutionary peoples of the world, he said.

The innovation movement (Jan.5-May 31) of fidelity to celebrate the 20t hanniversary of the formation of Chongryun occupies an important place in this year's work of Chongryun. It is a mass forward movement, designed to undertake dynamically Chongryun's patriotic activities, said the Chairman.

He called upon the attendants to meet the 30th anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea as the red-letter day with the great successes gained in this "innovation movement."

The meeting reverently adopted a letter to President Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the Korean people and the benevolent father of 600,000 Korean compatriots in Japan with the participants, boundless adoration for him and with their fresh determination.

6-Year Plan to Be Overfulfilled; New Year Production Picks Up

Reports are coming from various fields of socialist construction in the northern half of the DPRK on successes in the first labour battles of the New Year which the workers achieved with high political enthusiasm, upholding the New Year address of President Kim Il Sung. They are running like a wind to scale all the heights of the Six-Year Plan before the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea which falls on Oct. 10.

Transport

The transport workers in different parts of the country registered a shining success in the first battle of the New Year, upholding the New Year address of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung taught in the New Year address:

"The front to which we should direct efforts first this year is the front of transportation.

"...The whole Party, the whole country and the entire people should set themselves to ease the strain on transport and bring about a great change on the front of transportation."

Inspired by the teaching of the leader, the transport workers under the Pyongyang Railway Administration vigorously turned out in the first honourable battle of this year. On the first day of the New Year, they carried freight nearly double that on the same day of last year, raising the flames of the speed battle.

They are extensively introducing rotating, specialized, concentric transport and other advanced transport methods, indicated by the leader and effectively setting up the command system and organizing transport to carry more raw materials, fuel and materials to all the fronts of the grand socialist construction.

The transport workers of the West Pyongyang Locomotive Corps honoured with the "Order of Kim Il Sung" overshot the first day plan by 20 per cent.

The crew of the electric locomotive "Pulgungi" running the Pyongyang-Wonsan line and the crew of the diesel locomotives running the Pyongyang-Nampo and Pyongyang-Sinuiju lines held a meeting for making an oath of allegiance to carry out without fail the transport plan daily and monthly from the first battle. They are carrying freight to the east and west, north and south in high spirits.

Many crewmen among them are carrying out their assignments at 160 to 180 per cent, carrying 1,000 to 2,500 more tons of freight.

The transport workers of the Chongjin Railway Administration who rose in the first battle of the year with the high honour of defending the artery of the country and being the pioneer of the national economy transported 1.7 times as much freight as in the first battle of last year.

They are running at a lightning speed, sounding loud whistles with the resolve to fulfil their transport task of the Six-Year Plan before the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Party which falls on October 10.

The drivers of the Nampo Auto Transport Corps honoured with the "Order of Kim Il Sung," which is the first auto transport corps organized by the leader and where he created a model, are now fulfilling their daily plans at 261 per cent upholding the militant slogan "Let Us Meet the 30th Anniversary of the Founding of the Workers' Party of Korea with High Political Zeal and Shining Success of Labour!"

The drivers of the Pongchon Coal Transport Corps are carrying out their daily coal transport plans at 250 per cent by organizing large-scale specialized and concentrated transport as taught by the leader.

As a result, the drivers under the South Pyongan Provincial Auto Administration are fulfilling their daily transport plans at 150-200 per cent.

The drivers under the North Pyongan Provincial Auto Administration are also overfulfilling their daily transport plans 2-3 times by ensuring the operation rate of auto-vehicles at 100 per cent.

The enterprises under the Chagang Provincial Auto Administration are carrying out at 200-250 per cent their daily assignments for the transport of materials needed at the grand socialist construction sites by combining long-distance and short-distance transport.

The drivers of the Wonsan Long-Distance Auto Transport Office who fulfilled last year's plan two months ahead of schedule are carrying out their daily plans at over 250 per cent in the same fighting spirit with which they carried ammunition to height 1,211 during the Fatherland Liberation War. The Pyongyang Long-Distance Auto Transport Office is surpassing the daily transport plan by 190 per cent.

In our country the auto freightage will grow 1.8 times during the Six-Year Plan.

The drivers under the General Bureau of Land Transportation are making continued advance to overfulfil this task before the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea (October 10).

The working people in all the domains on the industrial front of the country fulfilled their assignments for the first five days of the New Year at 110 to 130 per cent and are continuously boosting their production.

Industries

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said in his New Year address for this year:

"This year we should bring about a new great upsurge in the revolution and construction to make this significant year the most shining year in the history of our Party and our people."

Holding high the teaching of the respected and beloved leader, the working class of the country is adorning each day of the year with allegiance, waging a vigorous "speed battle" with the vim and vigor with which they won a great victory in the "70-day battle" last year.

The steel makers of the country carried out their five-day assignments for pig iron, steel and rolled steel at 110 to 120 per cent.

The workers of Kangson, the cradle of Chollima, are fulfilling their daily quotas for steel, billet, rolled steel, seamless steel pipes and wire rope at 160 to 200 per cent.

The miners who are keeping up the charge in the same spirit with which they increased the industrial output 70 per cent in the "70-day battle" overshot their assignments for coal, nonferrous metal ore, apatite and magnesia clinker by 20 to 30 per cent in the first five days.

The coal miners are hewing tens of thousands of tons of coal outside their quotas by widely introducing advanced cutting methods, powerfully pushing ahead with the work to replace machines with large, modern and high-speed ones and diversify transport.

The workers of the Komdok, Ryongyang, Musan and other mines are carrying out their daily ore production plans at above 130 per cent by actively introducing modern excavating equipment and conducting wholesale ore cutting and wholesale ore treatment, undertaking the work in a big way.

The Tanchon District Mining Allied Complex comprising major mines of the country fulfilled their first-day ore production plan at 240 per cent.

The workers of the Komdok Mine under the allied complex carried out their first-day quotas at 300 per cent in tunnelling, 370 per cent in ore cutting and 180 per cent in ore treatment.

The flames of innovation have flared up among the engineering workers throughout the country.

The machine builders of the Chollima Rakwon Machine Plant, one of the reliable large-size machine production bases of the country, fulfilled their first-day plan at over 300 per cent.

The machine-builders are steadily increasing the production of modern machines by keeping all the equipment in full-capacity and full-time operation. And the tractor and truck producers are fulfilling their daily assembling plans at more than 200 per cent.

The workers and technicians of the industrial establishments under the Ministry of Chemical Industry fulfilled their first-day battle plans at 152 per cent in superphosphate of lime, 203 per cent in bicarbonate of ammonia fertilizer, 124 per cent in vinyl chloride, 231 per cent in caustic soda, 125 percent in sal soda, 130 per cent in undiluted sulfuric acid and 106 per cent in methanol.

They are further intensifying the speed battle to capture the chemical fertilizer height of the Six-Year Plan and other fighting targets of chemical industry before October 10 this year, the 30th anniversary of the founding of the glorious Workers' Party of Korea.

Last year the workers in the domain of chemical industry have made a signal success in the production of chemical goods such as chemical fertilizers, agricultural chemicals, chemical fibre and vinyl chloride, and they lifted the output of chemical fibre to 127 per cent and that of vinalon to 174 per cent, thus greatly contributing to the chemicalization of agriculture and the development of light industry.

The power plants under the Ministry of Power Industry fulfilled their first day's power production plan of the New Year by 110 per cent.

The workers of the Pukchang Thermal Power Plant are surpassing their daily power production plans by far after thoroughgoing technical preparations for the already existing equipment and newly commissioned equipment.

The workers of the Supung Power Plant, one of big power plants of the country, have chalked up a record higher than the peak set up in the "70-day battle" last year, through the scientific operation of the generators.

The textile workers are also reporting signal successes from the beginning of the year.

The Chollima Pyongyang Textile Mills, which has already fulfilled the Six-Year Plan, carried out on Jan. 3 at 215 per cent its daily battle plan 27.1 per cent above last year's.

The textile workers, not resting on their laurels, are vigorously waging the speed battle with the resolution to overfulfil their yearly plan without fail before the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Party and fulfil it at 120 per cent by the end of the year.

(KCNA)

DPRK railwaymen are firmly resolved to speed up and boost freight, upholding the New Year address by President Kim Il Sung and fulfil their assignments of the Six-Year Plan before the 30th founding anniversary of the WPK.

Kangson Steel Workers' Loyal Appeal

The heroic steel makers of Kangson, the cradle of Chollima, have raised high the torch of loyalty to effect another great innovation and a great leap forward.

In wholehearted response to the teachings given by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung in his New Year address for this year on making the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea a more glorious and significant holiday, a grand festival of proud victors, the steel makers unanimously resolved to fulfil without fail their yearly plan and capture the steel height of the Six-Year Plan ahead of schedule, before October 10, and challenged all the factories and enterprises across the country to a "socialist emulation of loyalty to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea."

This appeal is a manifestation of infinite allegiance of the steel makers firmly determined to creditably carry out without fail the militant tasks put forward by the leader in his New Year address for this year and make a report of loyalty to the leader and the Party centre.

The workers of Kangson have fully displayed the revolutionary spirit of absoluteness and unconditionality in implementing the teachings of the leader and the orders and instructions of the Party and raised the revolutionary tempest of the "speed battle" in all units and at all posts. As a result, the steel output there last year was 22 per cent up on the previous year. They had such a high honour as receiving a congratulatory message from the fatherly leader. Entering the New Year, they are carrying out their daily assignments for the production of steel and rolled steel and all other items at 160 to 330 per cent.

The Kangson steel makers are firmly determined to speed up the automation of the continuous roughing process, the introduction of automatic control over all the rolling processes and industrial T.V. devices, the automation of the continuous heating ovens and the remote control of the production processes and convert before long the works into a "model enterprise" where all production processes are automated and modernized by energetically carrying on the three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural.

They also resolved to honour their yearly plan before October 10 and carry it out at 132-157 per cent on all indices as compared with last year's results.

They are now registering signal success in their vigorous endeavours to fulfil the pledge made by them at the employees' joint meeting held recently at the steel works, at which they challenged the factories and enterprises throughout the country to the "socialist emulation of loyalty to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea."

(KCNA)

All the power plants in the DPRK are equipped with a complete automatic control system as seen in this photo.

Chairman Han Duk Su's New-Year Greetings to Foreign Leaders

Chairman Han Duk Su of the Central Standing Committee of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryun) sent messages of New Year's greetings to the leaders of the People's Republic of China, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, the Romanian Socialist Republic, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, the Bulgarian People's Republic, the German Democratic Republic, the Polish People's Republic, the Hungarian People's Republic, the Albanian People's Republic, the Mongolian People's Republic, the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia and the Lao Patriotic Front.

Chairman Han Duk Su also sent messages of greetings to the leaders of Cuba, the Sudan and Burma, respectively on the occasion of the 16th anniversary of the victory of the Cuban revolution, the 19th anniversary of the independence of the Sudan and the 27th anniversary of the independence of Burma and on the occasion of the New Year 1975.

In his message to Fidel Castro Ruz, Prime Minister of the Revolutionary Government of the Republic of Cuba, Chairman Han Duk Su, in the name of Chongryun and the entire compatriots in Japan, extended warmest felicitations to the fraternal Cuban people on the 16th anniversary of the victory of the Cuban revolution, the national day of the Cuban people, and on the New Year 1975.

Expressing the belief that in the New Year, too, the militant solidarity between the peoples of Korea and Cuba would further strengthen and develop, Chairman Han Duk Su wished the Cuban people new success in the struggle against U.S. imperialism and for the country's socialist construction.

News in Brief

* Talks were held recently in Pyongyang between the Government trade delegations of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Cuba.

At the end of the talks a trade protocol for 1975 was signed between the Governments of Korea and Cuba.

* The 1975-1976 working plan for scientific cooperation between the Academy of Sciences of our country and the Academy of Sciences of Bulgaria was signed in Sofia.

The working plan was signed by vice-President of the Academy of Sciences Li Gon Sik, head of the delegation of the Academy of Sciences of our country, on a visit to Bulgaria and Gristo Daskarov, vice-President of the Academy of Sciences of Bulgaria.

* An agreement on cooperation in radio and television broadcasting between the Central Broadcasting Committee of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Radio and Television Broadcasting Association of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was signed on Dec. 20 in Beograd.

The agreement was signed by Kim Si Hak, Chairman of the Korean Central Broadcasting Committee, who was heading its delegation on a visit to Yugoslavia and Milazin Gbozjepov, Chairman of the Yugoslav Radio and Television Broadcasting Association.

* A scientific and technical cooperation delegation of our country headed by Kong In Tae, vice-Director of the General Bureau of Coal Industry of the Committee of the Mining Industry, left Pyongyang on Jan. 3 by air to attend the third meeting of the sub-committee for scientific and technical cooperation between the Governments of our country and the Polish People's Republic.

* The delegation of the Korean Moviemen's Union headed by Li Bong Su, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Union, returned home on Jan. 3 by train after visiting the Soviet Union.

* A mass gymnastic display delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea left Pyongyang on Jan. 3 by air for the Republic of Zaire.

* A delegation of the Korean Christians' Federation headed by Kim Song Ryul, vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the Korean Christians' Federation, left Pyongyang on Jan. 3 by air to attend the Asian Christian Peace Congress to be held in India.

* A delegation of the General Federation of Industrial Technology of Korea left Pyongyang by train for the Soviet Union. (KCNA)

Kissinger Reveals His Robber-Like Nature

Rodong Sinmun Commentator's Article

PYONGYANG, Jan. 6 (KCNA)—Rodong Sinmun January 6 carries a commentator's article on the outburst of U.S. State Secretary Kissinger the villain, the top-class servant of U.S. imperialism in the execution of its foreign policy of aggression and mouthpiece of U.S. monopoly capital, in his recent interview with a U.S. magazine, in which he openly uttered an outrageous and brigandish threat that the United States would not rule out the use of military force, should the Middle East oil producers refused to cut the oil price. It sharply denounces this blast as a malicious challenge to the Middle East oil producers and an unpardonable challenge to all the peaceloving people of the world.

The commentator says in the article headlined "Kissinger reveals his robber-like nature":

The outburst of Kissinger openly threatening that the U.S. would use military force against the Middle East oil producers, if they refused to cut the oil price, stripped naked his brigandish nature.

As for Kissinger, he is a man who, by nature, personifies more thoroughly than anyone else the brigandish nature of U.S. imperialism and flawlessly combines its double-faced, cunning and vicious nature. In other words, he is like a fox.

For these features, this wretch, though a German-born Jew, won "recognition" among the U.S. imperialist reactionary ruling circles and got the "high" post of U.S. State Secretary.

Since he was put by the U.S. imperialist reactionary ruling circles at the post of U.S. State Secretary in charge of the U.S. imperialists' foreign policy of aggression, Kissinger under "peace" mask prowled about every part of the world, playing a thousand and one tricks and busily travelled about the Middle East area in particular for alleged "mediation" of the "peaceful settlement" of the Middle East problem. But the mask worn by a fox cannot last long and its real nature is bound to be revealed sooner or later.

By the recent outburst, Kissinger himself discarded the "peace" mask he had been wearing and glaringly revealed his brigandish colour.

It is a question pertaining to the sovereignty of the Middle East oil producers how they set the price of their oil. Furthermore, their recent raise of the oil price is a proper and just step for putting an end to the economic unequality and plunder by non-equivalent exchange imposed upon them by the imperialists and defending their national interests, the article stresses. It continues:

This notwithstanding Kissinger blustered that the United States would not rule out the use of force against oil producing countries in the Middle East unless oil price is reduced. This shows how reckless Kissinger, a most faithful servant of U.S. imperialism and its monopoly capital, has become in his efforts to realize the aggressive and predatory plot of the U.S. imperialists and their monopoly capital to bridge over the serious economic crisis and amass fortunes at the expense of the oil producing countries in the Middle East.

Kissinger's outpouring once again proves that the brigandish nature of the imperialists remains unchanged and can never change.

The article continues:

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught:

"The aggressive nature of imperialism will never change.

The more difficult their position becomes, the more stubbornly the imperialists are clinging to double-dealing tactics—holding an olive branch in one hand and brandishing a bayonet in the other, and the more cunningly they are perpetrating acts of aggression, intervention and subversion under the signboard of 'peace' in every nook and corner of the world."

Although the times have changed, the aggressive nature of the U.S. imperialists remains unchanged. Today the U.S. imperialists are working more cunningly and viciously to swallow up small countries one by one, while improving the relations with big countries under the signboard of "peace." It is Kissinger who directly works out the crafty aggressive policy of the U.S. imperialists and takes the lead in executing it.

The past record of Kissinger who has rolled about different parts of the world with an olive branch in his hand since he became the executor of the foreign policy of the U.S. imperialists shows that this wretch is a most wicked servant of the U.S. imperialists, brazen-faced impostor and cunning and despicable trickster.

Under the name of "mediation" of the "peaceful settlement" of the Middle East problem Kissinger has zealously egged the Israeli aggressors onto anti-Arab manoeuvres and worked hard to sow the seeds of dissension and discord among the Arab countries.

It is a generally known fact that it is none other than Kissinger who issued an order to the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency to kill President Allende and topple his legitimate Popular Unity Government in Chile.

Kissinger played a major role in the U.S. imperialists' provocation of a war of aggression in Cambodia and stretched his dirty hand to render the Cypriot situation complicated.

This wretch is playing an active role in mapping out the U.S. imperialists' strategy to subdue the third world countries by using food as a weapon, taking advantage of the situation in which many countries of the world are facing a food crisis and to regain their lost old position in these countries.

Kissinger flew to the West yesterday and appeared in the East today under the cloak of "peace" and "mediation." But the danger of war, not peace, increased and a new confusion, not "settlement" of dispute, was created and the security of the people became more uncertain wherever Kissinger went.

What Kissinger has done gadding about from one place to another is only trick, espionage and sowing discord and subversion.

Kissinger's despicable nature finds vivid manifestation also in his brigandish behaviour against Korea.

The article continues:

Kissinger has long called for the permanent presence of the U.S. imperialist aggressor forces in south Korea and the United States' continued military "aid" for the "modernization" of the south Korean puppet troops. He went the length of uttering that he was "touched" by the "special statement" of the Pak Jung Hi clique designed to fix north-south division. He not only zealously supported it but vociferously defended the Pak Jung Hi clique's repeated suppressive steps, raving that "they are not blameful."

This strips naked the U.S. imperialists' criminal sinister plot to keep a hold on south Korea indefinitely as a major stronghold to bolster up their colonial ruling system in Asia now going totally bankrupt, step up the war preparations in south Korea, increase the tension between the north and the south and maintain the fascist terror rule of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique and perpetuate the division of Korea.

Kissinger turned up in the United Nations and toured Japan and south Korea last year to carry into reality this aggressive plan of U.S. imperialism, and left no stone unturned in the manoeuvres to keep the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops in south Korea and create "two Koreas," strengthen the tieup between the Japanese militarists and the south Korean puppets and bolster up the south Korean puppet "regime" whose fate hangs in the balance in face of the powerful opposition and repudiation of the people.

It is well known to the world that when Kissinger flew to south Korea last year in company with Ford, he swaddled that south Korea is an "ally of the United States" and south Korea's "security is important for the United States" and that there is no "plan to reduce" the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops occupying south Korea.

Thus, Kissinger openly reveals the aggressive nature of U.S. imperialism, playing with fire everywhere in the world. Though he is vociferously talking about "peace" and so on under the mask of diplomat, Kissinger is in actuality no more than a robber, swindler and faithful servant of the U.S. imperialists and the Wall Street war-mongers.

Kissinger is making serious mistakes. Gone are the days when the threat and intimidation of the U.S. imperialists produced an effect.

The present era is an era of independence, an era of a great turn in which the new emerging forces of Asia, Africa and Latin America have appeared as the master of history.

With no force can the imperialists reverse the powerful flow of the times or block the vigorous advance of the third world people along the road of independence.

Stressing that the struggle of the people in the Middle East area to defend oil interests is a just struggle to defend the sovereignty of the country and national interests, the article remarks:

No one can overpower the new emerging forces advancing with their destiny tightly held in their hands.

Kissinger should desist from running riot and act with discretion, looking squarely at this stark reality.

The last-ditch effort of Kissinger to restore the lost old position in the Middle East region and subjugate the people there will heighten their vigilance against the brigandish nature of the imperialists and further close them in the ranks of the joint struggle to defend their sovereignty.

Our people actively support and encourage the just struggle of the third world people including the Middle East people to firmly defend the sovereignty of the country and national interests and will in the future, too, as in the past, stand firm on the same front with the third world people who are fighting and advancing.

The U.S. imperialists must immediately give up the vicious intimidation policy toward the Middle East countries, immediately stop all such aggressive acts as shameless interference in the internal affairs of Asian, African and Latin American countries, a war through the manipulation of their stooges, subversive activities and sabotage, economic and cultural infiltration and must withdraw without delay from all the places they have stretched the hand of aggression.

No one can check the onward movement of the third world peoples who want to tightly hold their destiny in their hands and no force can reverse the powerful trend of the times in which the old imperialist forces are falling into decay and ruin and the new emerging forces are appearing as the master of the world.

Rodong Sinmun: To Establish Democratic Power in S. Korea Is Most Effective Way for Reunification

PYONGYANG, Jan. 6 (KCNA) —Rodong Sinmun (organ of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea) of January 4 carried an article headlined "To Establish a Democratic Power in South Korea Is the Most Effective Way for Independent and Peaceful Reunification."

The article quotes the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung as teaching:

"If the struggle against fascism and for democracy ends in victory and a democratic figure takes over power in south Korea, our people will be able to realize the country's reunification at an early date by means of establishing an all-Korea unified government with the united efforts of the socialist forces in the northern half of the Republic and the democratic forces in south Korea."

The article goes on:

The policy of the leader on the victory of the struggle against fascism and for democracy and the establishment of a democratic power in south Korea is based on a correct analysis of the prevailing situation on the way to national reunification. This policy correctly reflects the patriotic desire and demand of the south Korean people who have risen in the struggle for reunification; it is the only correct policy that makes it possible to overcome all the difficulties and trials and firmly guarantee the victory of the national cause.

To smash the fascist rule of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique and establish a democratic power in south Korea is an essential requirement for overcoming the difficulty and realizing the independent and peaceful reunification under the prevailing situation in our country.

As everybody knows, our Party and the Government of our Republic maintained and are maintaining that the question of the country's reunification should be solved in a peaceful way on an independent, democratic basis free from any outside interference. This is our consistent, principled stand.

We have advanced numerous, concrete proposals to attain the independent and peaceful reunification and made every possible effort to realize them.

But the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, zealously backed and instigated by the U.S. and Japanese imperialists, have resorted to every conceivable means in a desperate attempt to obstruct the realisation of all our just proposals for national reunification.

We knew from the beginning that the south Korean authorities are the nation's heinous enemy who is dead set against the country's reunification and the dirty stooges fawning upon the foreign imperialists. But, as they promised us to work to realize the country's reunification on the basis of the three principles—independence, peaceful reunification and great national unity—and not to pull chestnut out of the fire for the imperialists any longer in the future, we, out of the ardent desire for national reunification, entered into negotiation with them without asking about their past and made patient efforts to bring it to a successful conclusion. Nevertheless, they violated all the principles of the north-south joint statement which they solemnly announced to the whole nation and answered our good faith only with provocations, using the north-south negotiations as a shield to cover their wild ambition for long-term office.

Facts show that so long as the Pak Jung Hi clique follow the road of split, not reunification, the road of war, not peace, the road of dependence on foreign forces, not independence, and the road of fascist dictatorship, not national unity, it is impossible in fact to settle the question of the country's reunification through negotiation with them.

To smash the fascist rule of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique and establish a democratic power in south Korea is the fundamental requirement to solve the question of national reunification with the participation of the people of all strata interested in it and in accordance with their democratic will, the article stresses, and continues:

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught:

"Reunifying the country in a peaceful way on democratic principles means to achieve national reunification by setting up a unified central government through the democratic north-south general elections in accordance with the free will of the entire Korean people in the north and the south."

As clearly expounded in this teaching of the leader, in order to realize the cause of the country's reunification in a peaceful way on democratic principles, it is imperative to establish a unified central government by holding democratic north-south general elections in accordance with the free will of the people.

In south Korea where the harsh fascist rule is enforced and democracy is totally trampled underfoot as we see today, the south Korean people cannot express their will freely nor can the north-south general elections be held.

The national reunification is the supreme desire and urgent national task of the entire Korean people in the north and the south as the question of restoring the independence of the people trampled underfoot in south Korea and establishing national sovereignty throughout the country. Therefore, for the solution of this question the strength of the whole nation, the north and the south, should be united.

Today the northern half of the Republic has been consolidated as the firm base for national reunification and the revolutionary forces of the northern half have grown in strength as never before. Under such condition, if the south Korean people win victory in the struggle against fascism and for democracy and a democratic figure comes to power, the socialist forces of the northern half of the Republic and the democratic forces of south Korea will become the invincible forces for reunification.

It is the starting point and basis of the solution of the question of national reunification to have the patriotic stand and independent stand, the article says, and goes on:

As the question of national reunification is the supreme patriotic work for our people, it can be solved satisfactorily only on the patriotic stand. Treacheries to the country and the nation must not be tolerated and the question of national reunification cannot be solved unless they are frustrated decisively.

The Pak Jung Hi "regime" was rigged up and is maintained only with the bayonet of the foreign imperialists. It is a puppet regime which exercises the foreign imperialists' policy of aggression and war, the most barbarous terrorist "regime" which harshly suppresses the people, brandishing the bayonet placed in its hands by the U.S. imperialists, and tramples underfoot the will of the people and all their democratic freedom. This is the main obstacle to the reunification of the country.

The policy of leading the struggle against fascism and for democracy to victory and establishing a democratic regime in south Korea is a policy of achieving the reunification of the country with the efforts of our people themselves by strengthening and mobilizing the internal forces, the patriotic forces of the nation, in every way; it is an outstanding policy brilliantly embodying in the question of national reunification the *Juche* idea that the masters of the revolution are the masses of the people and they are also the motive forces of the revolution.

For its justness, this policy correctly reflecting the will of the patriotic people of south Korea powerfully encourages the people of broad segments and democratic figures of south Korea to the struggle against the military fascist rule of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique and for the establishment of a democratic power.

Even under the harsh suppression, the advance of the south Korean people for the resignation of the Pak Jung Hi clique, abolition of the so-called "revitalized constitution," the democratization of society and establishment of a democratic power is gaining in scope and strength with each passing day on a mass basis, assuming stauncher and more organized character.

The mass struggle of the south Korean people is, indeed, a struggle to save the country and the nation from the nation-splitting machinations of the domestic and foreign splittists and reunify the country and a just struggle for the democratization of society and the right to existence.

In his New Year address the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation and the legendary hero, taught:

"The people in the northern half of the Republic will always actively support and encourage with might and main the just, patriotic struggle of the south Korean people."

To support and encourage the south Korean people's struggle against fascism and for democracy and the struggle against foreign forces and for national reunification is the sacred duty binding us as the fellow countrymen of the same ancestry.

This is aimed at settling the internal affairs of the nation by itself.

At this moment our brothers and sisters in south Korea who were born and are living in the same land, are suffering from all sorts of misfortunes and hardships under the exploitation and oppression by the foreign imperialists and their stooges and are shedding blood in the struggle for national sovereignty and the right to existence, the people in the northern half of the Republic, the same nation, cannot sit idle with folded arms.

In order to free the south Korean people from the miserable lot of colonial slave at an early date and achieve the reunification of the country, every Korean, whether he may be in the north or the south, at home or abroad, should resolutely fight against the domestic and foreign oppressors and splittists, supporting and assisting with each other.

We will as ever actively support and encourage the south Korean people with might and main till they win victory in their just cause.

When the struggle against fascism and for democracy is crowned with victory and a democratic power established in south Korea, the cause of our country's reunification will be realized with the united strength of the Korean people in the north and the south in a peaceful way on a democratic basis.

Pak's "New-Year Message" Call for War

Rodong Sinmun on Jan. 3, commenting on the "New Year message" of traitor Pak Jung Hi in which he self-exposed his ugly colour, states: This is, in a word, nothing but an outcry, war-trumpeting and ballad for split of a human butcher thirsty for blood.

Noting that traitor Pak Jung Hi alleged that the extremely acute political and economic crisis and social disorder in south Korea were caused by some outside factor, the commentary says:

From the beginning of last year the Pak Jung Hi clique proclaimed one "emergency measure" after another to cover south Korea with bayonets and military tribunals and make wholesale arrests of guiltless people and patriots and imprison and murder them, ushered in the U.S. and Japanese monopoly capital to precipitate economic dependence and sell off the natural resources and people's properties at cheap prices and introduced lethal weapons, increased arms and staged war exercises almost every day to aggravate tension. What else but a political and economic crisis and social disorder can all these suppressive acts and treacheries bring?

Pointing to the ridiculous allegation of traitor Pak Jung Hi that the north-south dialogue was broken up by other persons, the commentary goes on:

Kicking up an "anti-communist" racket every day, he suppressed the patriots calling for national reunification, incited north-south confrontation and manoeuvred to fix the split by bringing forward a "non-aggression pact" from the beginning of last year. No matter how desperately this wretch may try to shift the responsibility for having led the dialogue to a deadlock on to others, he cannot veil his splitting schemes.

This swindler had the cheek to preposterously claim that he made some "efforts" for realizing the three principles of national reunification.

How can they talk about the 3 principles of national reunification those wretches who beg for the continued occupation of south Korea by the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops, clinging to the sleeves of U.S. imperialism, and stage war exercise so frequently, giving out the smell of powder, and have turned the land of the south into a prison of patriots.

The commentary continues:

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said in the New Year address for 1975:

"Last year the workers, peasants, student youth, intellectuals, believers and people of other segments in south Korea fought unflinchingly against fascism and for democracy to win the right to existence and achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of the country."

The struggle of the south Korean people against fascism and for democracy, their struggle to win the right to existence and national reunification is a proper answer to the barbaric rule and treacheries of the Pak Jung Hi clique.

The struggle of the people which expanded and developed in south Korea last year lays bare the falsity of the jabberwocky of traitor Pak Jung Hi.

Slandering us, traitor Pak Jung Hi twaddled about "security," "total strength," "build-up of national power" and the like. This disclosed in all its nakedness his intention to depend more heavily on foreign forces and intensify his splitting manoeuvres, war preparations and fascist suppression, the commentary notes.

Traitor Pak Jung Hi talked about "national harmony" after crying for "all-out security" and "build-up of national power." This is, in the final analysis, a robber's shameless attempt to liquidate all social and political elements in south Korea standing in the way of his "two Koreas" plot and war manoeuvres by brandishing the fascist club.

The commentary serves traitor Pak Jung Hi the following warning:

Traitor Pak Jung Hi tries to force upon the people an unconditional and blind submission and obedience to his brutal fascist terror-rule and treacheries. But they will never tolerate his tyranny and treacheries.

History proves that brutal bayonet-suppression is by no means almighty and, on the contrary, it evokes bitter hatred and resistance of the people, and the oppressors are bound to perish in the flames they kindled themselves. (KCNA)

S. Koreans Continue Anti-Fascist, Democratization Struggle

"Army" Urged to Rise Up against Pak

Over 100 personages including the head of the New Democratic Party of south Korea and 14 "national assemblymen" from this party gathered in Kwangju, South Cholla Province, on Dec. 20 last year and formed the "South Cholla Provincial Branch for Promotion of Constitutional Amendment."

At the gathering head of the party Kim Yong Sam declared that the abolition of the "revitalized constitution" is "the desire of the overwhelming majority of the people" and demanded that traitor Pak Jung Hi resign from "presidency."

After the gathering, opposition party members demonstrated in high spirits along a 1.5 km street to the puppet provincial office, shouting "Constitutional amendment is the only way to live" and other slogans demanding the abolition of the fascist "revitalized constitution."

The puppet fascist bandits, upset by this, sent over 300 armed mobile police, who arrested 3 "national assemblymen" from this party, firing toxic gas.

On Dec. 28, too, over 100 figures including Kim Yong Sam, boss of the New Democratic Party, staged a demonstration in Taegu, shouting "We cannot live under dictatorship" and "Constitutional revision is the only way out."

On Dec. 31 the Democratic Unification Party, one of the opposition parties in south Korea, made public a statement, declaring that the past one year was a "year of the nationwide movement against the suppression of civil rights" by the "revitalized" fascist dictatorial regime and "for democracy and the revision of the constitution," and in the New Year "democracy must be achieved through a nationwide movement by uniting the democratic forces of the entire people."

Kim Yong Sam, head of the New Democratic Party, at the year-end meeting of the party on December 30 recalled that they had fought against the "revitalized" dictatorship of the present fascist ruling group. He said: "Next year will be a year when we reap what we sowed this year." "Our struggle will not cease but will continue and we will win victory next year in the just struggle for civil rights," he stressed.

Meanwhile, this opposition party decided to print the fighting resolution of the party in the daily "Tonga Ilbo."

A recent issue of the Japanese weekly "Shukan Asahi" carried an article by the Tokyo correspondent of the British paper "Guardian" who called on ex-"president" Yun Bo Son, an opposition figure of south Korea, who has been placed under house arrest in Seoul by the Pak Jung Hi fascist gang.

According to the article, Yun Bo Son said:

"The policy of Pak Jung Hi is neither for the people nor for the state. That fellow is trying to maintain his post of presidency, even if it may involve sacrifices. He might commit anything for power. Only force can remove him now."

Stressing that "to expel the Pak regime which is guarded by secret police and army, all people should rise up and the army should stand on the side of the people," he said: "Such thing cannot be done without blood."

Expressing hatred for the Pak Jung Hi fascist gang and heaping curses on it, Yun Bo Son said in conclusion: "A continued struggle should be waged to expel the scoundrels. I can assure you only one thing: We will certainly succeed some day."

"Tonga Ilbo" Defies Pressgag

Journalists of the south Korean newspaper "Tonga Ilbo" rose in struggle again, on December 25 last year, enraged at the vicious scheme of the Pak Jung Hi fascist clique to lead the newspaper to bankruptcy by mobilizing the puppet Central Intelligence Agency.

That day over 200 journalists of "Tonga Ilbo" held an emergency meeting in the office. Pointing out that the Pak Jung Hi fascist gang put pressure upon traders and industrialists not to put an ad in the paper, they said that this is an intolerable subversive act aimed at dissolving "Tonga Ilbo."

They adopted a resolution to fight to the end against the Pak Jung Hi fascist gang's suppression of the press.

Since they demanded freedom of the press in October last, journalists of "Tonga Ilbo" have reported about the struggle of the south Korean people against fascism and for democracy in disregard of the enemy's press censorship. Flurried by this, the Pak Jung Hi fascist gang put pressure upon banks and traders and industrialists not to lend money to this newspaper or put an ad in it.

The journalists association of south Korea issued a statement on December 26 denouncing the Pak Jung Hi fascist clique's unjust suppression of the press.

Pointing out that recently the Pak Jung Hi fascist clique put pressure upon enterprises to cancel their contracts with "Tonga Ilbo" for advertisement, the statement said that "this is a new form of undisguised suppression of freedom of the press." It strongly demanded an immediate stoppage of such dirty act.

The criminal act of the fascist bandits who put pressure upon traders and industrialists not to put in "Tonga Ilbo" an advertisement, which "holds an important place in the press enterprise," cannot be construed otherwise than "a negative act designed to suppress freedom of the press and a crafty scheme to paralyze the independent news activities of the press circles," the statement noted.

Expressing the firm resolve to fight to the end against the unjust suppression of the press by the puppet clique, the statement declared: "We men of the press pledge ourselves to unite as one and resist such crafty repression."

Over 100 reporters of "Hanguk Ilbo" and some 100 reporters of "Chonson Ilbo," Korean-language dailies in Seoul, on Jan. 13, held rallies, expressing full support for the struggle of "Tonga Ilbo" against the press-gag. On Jan. 11 the journalists association issued again a statement in solidarity with the fighting reporters.

Catholics Launch "1 Million Signature Campaign"

The group of Catholic priests for justice, a south Korean Catholic organisation, issued a statement on December 27 last year denouncing the Pak Jung Hi clique's fascist crime in bringing such unwarranted pressure to bear upon "Tonga Ilbo" as preventing it from carrying ads.

This organisation declared that it was issuing this statement because there can be no freedom of religion in the place where political liberty and the freedom of speech are violated and stamped out.

The following points were stressed in the statement:

1. We will not buy and read the newspapers or listen to the radios which have betrayed the freedom of speech and conscience yielding to the authorities' suppression and subsidization schemes.

2. We will do everything possible to defend the rights and interests of the journalists courageously struggling against the untenable pressure and "retaliation" and render assistance to them.

3. It is an intolerable gag on the press to bring pressure to bear upon traders and industrialists not to apply for the printing of ads in "Tonga Ilbo." We will not buy but boycot the goods produced by the enterprises which dodge of their own will or under coercion the issuing of ads succumbing to the authorities' unwarranted pressure.

4. The entire people will launch a campaign of buying and reading the newspapers subjected to an untenable suppression, as a token of support to it.

A "one million signature campaign for the amendment of the constitution" was urged by more than 2,500 Catholics to be launched again. The appeal was made at the Jan. 9 meeting at Myongdong cathedral in Seoul.

Fifteen thousand Roman Catholics called on the puppet dictator to resign. They met at the same cathedral and pledged to continue their prayer until their demands were met.

Pak's Plot on "Assassination Attempt" Miscarries

Mun Gun Su, elder brother of Mun Se Gwang who was put to death by hanging in Seoul on December 20 last year as "criminal" in the so-called "sniping incident," expressed strong suspicion and indignation at the sordid story about the "sniping incident" brought forward by the Pak Jung Hi gang of murderers and the hangmen's hurried execution of Mun Se Gwang at an interview on December 25 with a "Kyodo" News Agency reporter in Osaka, Japan, where he is residing.

Mun Gun Su said:

"How could Mun Se Gwang enter the ceremony hall? Why did Pak Jung Hi continue his speech without searching accomplices after the arrest of Mun Se Gwang? Wasn't it because the south Korean side knew the incident beforehand?"

He continued:

"It is sure that our mother gave travelling expenses to Mun Se Gwang when he went to Hongkong in November last year (1973). Nevertheless, the south Korean side alleges that the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryun) gave him the money."

Spreading the lie that Mun Se Gwang went aboard "Mangyongbong" anchoring in Osaka Port, the Pak Jung Hi clique faked up the "date when he went aboard the ship." But when the lie was brought to daylight, they made the disgraceful act of re-announcing the date in a hurry.

Noting that some reactionaries of Japan who helped the Pak Jung Hi clique in this plot shamelessly described a man called "Maeda" as a person under the influence of Chongryun and having some connection with Mun Se Gwang, Mun Gun Su said:

It has been proved that "there is not such a man" as one initialled "A" whom the rascals put up.

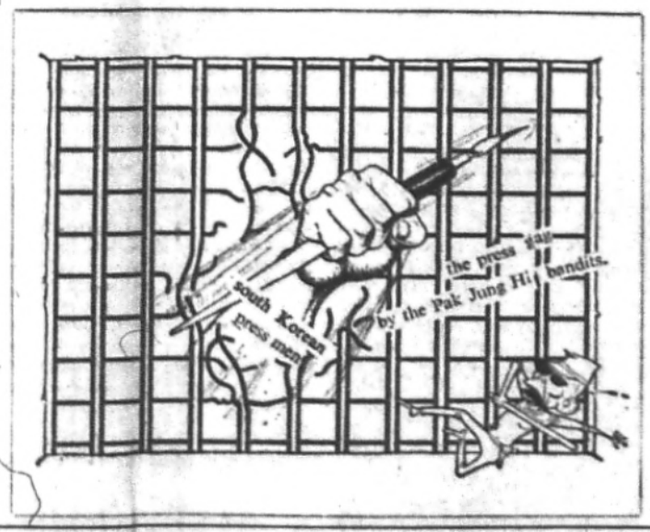
Mun Gun Su went on:

The Pak Jung Hi clique of murderous agents had used Mun Se Gwang deceiving him with fair words to protect his life and hanged him only 3 days after the ruling at the "supreme court" to shut his mouth forever.

The Osaka Prefectural Police Department announced on December 25 last year right after the execution of Mun Se Gwang that its "special headquarters for the investigation of the assassination attempt on Pak Jung Hi" was dissolved and the "probe" virtually wound up, without producing any concrete "facts and evidences."

This means that the reactionaries here and abroad met with a total fiasco in their plot to implicate the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Chongryun in the "incident" and justify their suppression of Chongryun.

The result was contrary to their expectation. Further probe led to a flagrant exposure that the Pak Jung Hi clique were the authors of the "assassination attempt."



What Tokyo's Attitude Toward Korea Shows

Rodong Sinmun on Dec. 30 last year in its commentator's article entitled "What Does the Attitude of the Miki Government of Japan towards Korea Show?" says: The national interests of the Japanese people and the interests of Asian peace demand an end to the unfriendly relations between Korea and Japan and the establishment of normal relations between them. But a series of facts show that the new Miki Government of Japan is still pursuing the unfriendly policy towards our country.

Citing a number of concrete facts to prove this, the article continues:

The Foreign Minister of the Miki Government recently uttered that "south Korea's security is essential to Japan's security" and zealously supported and defended the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, the despicable traitors to the nation and bellicose elements, who have increased the tension in Korea, stepping up war preparations, and intensified the fascist repression of the south Korean people.

The utterances of the present Japanese Government authorities that "south Korea's security is essential to Japan's security" are a repetition of the notorious "theory of south Korea's security being inseparable from that of Japan" advocated by the Satō Government which meekly followed the U.S. imperialists' policy of aggression on Korea. The Sato Government put forward this "theory," raving that "south Korea's security is an essential factor for Japan's security."

This shows that the Miki Government is faithfully following the militarist expansionist policy of the former Japanese reactionary Government which had regarded south Korea as an "area under its protection." Laying bare the dark design of this policy, the article continues: The Japanese Government's attitude is intended to protect Japan's economic interests in south Korea and, at the same time, egg with increased zeal the south Korean puppets onto the criminal fascist repression of the south Korean people to "guarantee" the "security" of the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique who sell off everything in south Korea to their masters, the United States and Japan; it is also designed to bolster up by every possible means the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique floundering in a crisis in face of the unanimous opposition and condemnation by the entire Korean people and the world people.

This, at the same time, reveals the Miki Government's intention to whip the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique towards north-south confrontation and war provocation manoeuvres and Japan's plan to take an active part in case the Pak Jung Hi clique provoke a reckless war against the northern half of the Republic, on the pretext of "ensuring" the "security" of south Korea.

Recalling that the present Foreign Minister of Japan palavered that he would give "top priority to the improvement of the relations between Japan and south Korea," the article continues: This was prompted by the Japanese Government's attempt to instigate the south Korean puppets to stand against us and thus perpetuate the division of our country, while enforcing one-sided policy towards south Korea. The present Japanese Government's hasty preparation for opening "south Korea-Japan ministerial conference" is chiefly designed to encourage the south Korean puppets in their din of "cultivating strength."

Recalling that during the 29th United Nations General Assembly the Miki Government played a shameful role to prevent the adoption of the just proposal of our side and realize the sinister plots of the U.S. imperialists for the permanent stationing of the U.S. imperialist aggressor forces in south Korea and the fabrication of "two Koreas," the article goes on:

All this tells that although they pretend to wish peace in Korea and her peaceful reunification, they, in actuality, work hard to throw more huddles in the way of the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea.

This shows that the new Miki Government of Japan has no intention to renounce or relax the hostile policy followed by the successive reactionary governments of Japan towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea but tries to further step up this policy.

The hostile policy pursued by the successive reactionary governments of Japan towards our country is a product of the vicious manoeuvres of the Japanese militarists to stretch their tentacles of aggression to south Korea by availing themselves of the U.S. imperialists' policy of Asian aggression, subjugate it and perpetuate the division of Korea and an offspring of their overseas expansionist policy to invade Korea and, furthermore, invade the Asian Continent and realise the old dream of "Greater East Asia Coprosperity Sphere."

The question of relations with Japan depends on the attitude of the Japanese Government to our country.

The respected and beloved leader of our people Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught:

"Even if the Prime Minister of Japan is replaced, relations between our two countries cannot be improved as long as its policy towards us remains unchanged. If the Japanese Government adopts friendly attitude towards our country, all problems will be solved smoothly."

If the Miki Government truly wants peace in Asia and friendship with Japan's neighbours, it must stop reinvading south Korea and renounce its unfriendly attitude to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

If the Miki Government persists in the hostile policy towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea going against the demand of the Japanese people and the trend of the times, it will get nothing good as its predecessors did.

The Miki Government had better act with discretion, looking straight at the changed situation. (KCNA)

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